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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5552

INFO AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 3081

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, TS

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: GOT NOW APPARENTLY SEES NO

IMMEDIATE THREAT FROM RECENT GOL OFFSHORE
CONCESSIONS

REF: STATE 91378

1. BEFORE DEPARTING FOR WASHINGTON, AMBASSADOR INFORMED
MINISTER NATIONAL ECONOMY AYARI THAT OFFSHORE CONCESSION
AREA RECENTLY AWARDED TO ESSO BY GOL APPEARED TO BE
LOCATED WELL OUTSIDE WATERS IN WHICH GOT HAS GRANTED
EXPLORATION PERMITS. HE ALSO REAFFIRMED THAT AMOSEAS NOT
INVOLVED IN OFFSHORE AREA. AMBASSADOR OFFERED HAVE
EMBOFF DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH DIRECTOR OF ENERGY AMOR
ROUROU UPON ROUROU'S RETURN FROM ORIENTATION VISIT TO US
AT INVATION OF MOBIL.

2. ROUROU CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF MAY 17 THAT GOT NOW SATISFIED
ESSO LIBYAN CONCESSION CLEARLY NOT RPT NOT IN CONTESTED
AREA. ROUROU ALSO SAID THAT IN NEW YORK HE SAW MOBIL
CONCESSION MAPS SHOWING ITS NEW LIBYAN OFFSHORE PERMIT
AND WAS SATISFIED THAT THEY LIE OUTSIDE AREAS CLAIMED
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BY GOT. HE CLAIMED THAT GOL HAD AT ONE TIME ATTEMPTED

INTEREST AMOSEAS IN EXPLORATION PERMIT EXTENDING WELL INTO TWO TUNISIANS PERMITS AND ENCOMPASSING THE PROMISING NEW ISIS FIELD. AMOSEAS/GOL NEGOTIATIONS HAD BROKEN DOWN, HE CLAIMED. WHEN EMBOFF SHOWED HIM PETROCONSULTANT MAP OF TUISIAN PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMITS (POUCHED DEPT), ROUROU AFFIRMED THAT IT ACCURATELY REFLECTES GOT CLAIMS. HE ALSO SEEMD SATISFIED THAT CFP AND AGIP CONCESSIONS GRANTED BY GOL CLOSE TO TUNISIAN PERMITS PROBABLY DO NOT POSE THREAT TO GOT.

3. COMMENT: HOPEFULLY, TUNISIANS MINDS SET AT REST BY LATEST INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY EMBASSY, PETROLEUM COMPANIES AND POSSIBLY GOL. WHILE POSSIBILITY FOR FURTHER CONFLICT IN PROMISING OFFSHORE AREA REMAINS AS LONG AS DEFINITIVE GOT/GOL AGREEMENT NOT REACHED ON DIVISION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF, APPEARS TUNISIANS NOW SATISFIED THAT THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE THREAT.

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